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REPORT ON "UCN 29" WHO MAY BE WORKING FOR THE "COMPETITORS" (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 955

21 June 43

To VIKTOR[i].

Your No. 2581[a].

We informed you that we were checking "UCN 29"[ii]. He is living [3 groups unrecovered] and seldom comes here, but this isn't the main thing. We have refrained from signing him on in view of certain suspicious points about him:

1. In spite of his knowledge and irreproachable past [1 group unidentified] COUNTRY [SIRANA][iii], UCN 29 is not working in government service.

2. In CARTHAGE[iv] he is on friendly terms with John HAZARD[v], the anti-Soviet person who is known to you, and with ROGER[RODZHER][vi], Chief of the Institute[vii] in which UCN 29 [3 groups unrecovered] COMPETITORS [MONKULENTY][viii].

3. In CARTHAGE

[42 groups unrecoverable]

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ANZhEL[b] and through

[42 groups unrecovered]

. Without giving in future [9 groups unrecovered] work the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI][ix] are carrying out on the Balkan [7 groups unrecoverable] many and we can sign him on at any time, but we are afraid that he is one of the COMPETITORS' men and that, without giving him any government work, they are using him unofficially on [1 group unidentified] and Balkan affairs. In view of this [6 groups unrecovered] through the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN.

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MAKSIM[x]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] ANZhEL : This is a transliteration but it is not clear what the original is. The French Christian name ANGELE should be transliterated ANZhEL' and the English surname ANGELL is usually transliterated E(J)NDZhEL.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] UCN 29 : Unidentified. See also NEW YORK-MOSCOW messages No. 854 of 16th June 1942 [REDACTED] and No. 253 of 19th February 1943 [REDACTED]

[iii] COUNTRY : U.S.A.

[iv] CARTHAGE : Washington, D.C.

[v] HAZARD : Presumably the John HAZARD who was Assistant Administrator for USSR Supply Office of Lend-Lease Administration.

[vi] ROGER : Unidentified.

[vii] Institute : Possibly the same as the Institute mentioned in NEW YORK's No. 952 of 21st June 1943 [REDACTED] Not identified, and could possibly be a cover-name.

[viii] COMPETITORS : Members of a non-Soviet Intelligence Organization.

[ix] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN: Communists.

[x] MAKSIM : Vasilij ZUBILIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.